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To whom it may concern,

I have read about the proposed settlement in the Microsoft anti-trust case, and am not in favor of it in its current state. In the past, I have been particularly appalled at Microsoft because of its rampant anti-competitive and monopolistic nature. In my view, the settlement does little to correct Microsoft's past actions, and does very little to prevent (or discourage) future anti-competitive actions. Even during the proceedings, Microsoft has flamboyantly pursued markets outside of its core market (Operating systems and Applications), all the while hampering competition.

As an example: Microsoft's recent move into telecommunications, Broadband, and Internet Service, with Qwest Communications is indication enough that they have no plans to cease their anti-competitive nature. In the process, they are injuring the economy of local service providers, by making it more difficult to obtain Broadband DSL service through another provider.

I respect the ideas of capitalism and free market, however, there has to be a limit to the amount one corporate entity can control the market--before the market is no longer free.

Thank you for your time,

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